(c) the reasons for exempting some officers from within and outside the region who are also accountable for such loss as a controlling officer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) As per policy of FCI, each case of shortage is investigated, and wherever abnormal losses are noticed, recovery proceedings are resorted to as per Staff Regulations against the officials found responsible for such losses without discrimination on the basis of region or rank. Details of such action taken during the last two years in respect of North East Region are gftfen below:—

Year	Category-I	Category-ll & ML	Total
2000	Nil	25	25
2001	2	84	86

(c) None of the officers within and outside North East Region who were found accountable/responsible for storage and transit loss have been exempted.

Production of Bottled Water

930. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Wiil the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "How safe is bottled water?" as reported in the "Times of India" dated the 8th June. 2002.

(b) if so. whether a large number of units producing bottled water in and around Delhi do not conform to the norms prescribed by BIS;

(c) if so, whether in view of violation of BIS norms by units producing bottled water. Government propose to take any further action in this regard;
and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has so far granted 33 licences in Delhi and Noida for Packaged Drinking Water as per IS 14543:1998. The Government of India in the notifications No. GSR 759 (E) & GSR 760 (E) dated 29th September. 2000. issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, have brought Natural Mineral Water and Packaged Drinking Water under the compulsory certification scheme of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) with effect from 29-03-2001. It is, therefore, mandatory for Natural Mineral Water & Pakaged Drinking Water sold in India to carry the BIS Standard Mark, BIS has conducted two search and seizure operations against manufacturers of packaged Drinking Water who were marking the product with the BIS Standard Mark without a valid licence from BIS. Prosecution is being launched by BIS against both the firms under the BIS Act. Action against firm manufacturing Packaged Drinking Water without BIS Mark is taken by the State Government under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act.

Free Distribution of Foodgrains

931. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS. FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to distribute 50 lakh tonnes of foodgrains free of cost to take up wage employment works:

(b) if so, what is the difference between 'Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana' and food for workscheme and

(c) the details of the allocation of foodgrains under various schemes to the State since 2000-2001 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MiNiSTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS. FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) envisages distribution of 50 lakh tonnes of foodgrains annually free of cost.

(b) Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana was launched w.e.f 25.09.2001 with an outlay of 10,000 crores. Under the scheme, 50 lakh tonnes of foodgrains valued at Rs. 5000 crores are provided free of cost to Stales/ UTs. The remaining funds are to be utilized to meet the case component of wages and material cost. The cash component of the scheme is to be shared between the Centre and the States in the ratio of 75:25. The Food